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Prior to this position, Rich led and managed Regulatory and Government Affairs for the Seeds businesses of Ciba-Geigy and Novartis for 11 years. Under Rich's leadership, Ciba Seeds registered and brought to market the world's first transgenic hybrid corn and sweetcorn seed products. Rich joined Ciba as a scientist in 1984, and conducted research in microbiology and plant molecular biology. Prior to joining Ciba, Rich was a research scientist in the Plant Pathology Department at the University of California, Berkley, where he worked in the area of frost protection.

Rich received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Horticulture and Plant Pathology, respectively, from the Pennsylvania State University.

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